

August 16, 2006

MUNI # 11002  
MARY MIELKE, CLERK  
TOWN OF ARLINGTON  
N2834 COUNTY RD Q  
POYNETTE WI 53955

Dear Municipal Official:

We have reviewed your ordinance for the municipal adoption of the Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) and found it generally acceptable. However, the following issues need to be resolved or clarified:

- 1) The \$30,000 threshold in sections 12-1-5 (D) and (G) is allowed only for additions and alterations to existing dwellings. All new one- and 2-family dwellings, regardless of cost, must have a Wisconsin Uniform Building Permit issued and inspections performed by a certified inspector in accordance with the UDC.
- 2) Several sections in 12-1-8, particularly (B), (G) and (J) imply that the clerk or a member of the town board have the authority to determine code compliance. Note that UDC inspections, to ascertain UDC compliance, must be completed by inspectors appropriately certified under ch. Comm 5.
- 3) Regarding the issuance of the Wisconsin Uniform Building Permit, anyone in authority may issue it, but only after the application and the building plans have been reviewed and approved by the certified UDC inspector.

It is our understanding that you will begin enforcement on September 15, 2006 using General Engineering as your certified inspector. [Note that we have adjusted your intended enforcement date ahead to provide at least 30 days notice to us as required by s. Comm 20.04(1) (b).] We recommend that you provide a copy of your ordinance and this letter to your authorized inspector.

By copy of this letter, we are informing our state-contracted inspection agency that has been enforcing the UDC in your municipality that their services will not be required after the date listed above. Unless you and the agency otherwise reach agreement, they will be responsible for completing the inspections of any dwelling for up to two years after they issued the permit.

By copy of this letter, we are also informing your county so that they may forward this information to their land use, zoning and sanitary permit staff.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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